

## Rockingham County

## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

MAJOR DAVID CONSENTINO Assistant Superintendent

December 17, 2020

To:

Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald

**Subject: County Department of Corrections** 

From:

Commissioner Kevin St. James

**Rockingham County New Hampshire** 

Dear Attorney General MacDonald,

On Thursday, December 17, 2020, I conducted my semi-annual visit and inspection of the Rockingham County Correctional Facility and met with Superintendent Stephen Church.

We toured the building and I reviewed the management, conditions and security of the facility and condition of the inmates housed in the Rockingham County Correctional Facility. I found the building to be clean, and well maintained. The inmates were courteous and appeared to be well cared for and well fed.

At the time of this inspection; COVID-19 was in the beginnings of the next surge and the movement throughout the jail was minimal. All staff and inmates were wearing proper face coverings and anyone entering the building is first screened and their temperature taken. Although inmates were not being allowed to clean except on their housing blocks, the facility has been kept up by staff. Daily cleaning by each shift ensures the facility remains clean with special attention paid to disinfecting door handles, hard surfaces and restrooms. Maintenance personnel continue to perform all necessary repairs on a daily basis. Since the outbreak, there have been no large projects inside the building.

Superintendent Church continually plans and budgets for the upkeep and preventative maintenance of the facility and grounds as well as implementing state of the art technology upgrades to better serve and protect inmates, staff and visitors of the facility.

Mrs. Gates and her staff make sure our facilities are up to code and safe for the inmates, clients, visitors and employees who work for the County.

Major maintenance updates and repairs are reported and discussed at bi-weekly Commissioners meetings on a regular basis.

Sincerely,

Kevin St. James, Chairman

Rockingham County Board of Commissioners

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